COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 1119

Saturday, *the* *25th March 1944* / *12th Meenam 1119*

The Council met at the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir G. T. BOAG, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.) in the chair.

Messrs. A. B. Salem, T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri, C. Kunjan Namboodiripad, K. Ashtamoorthi Namboodiripad, T. P. Poulose, K. R. Ramakrishnan, S. S. Koder, H. J. Walmesley, Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Essa Sait and Mrs. K. Joshua were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

IRRIGATION CHIRAS UNDER PANCHAYATS

266. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* (*a*) Are all the irrigation chiras under the Panchayat maintained in 1119;

(*b*) is there any increased allotment for any of these chiras this year?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* (*a*) The Dam across Malampuzha in Nemmara Panchayat has not been put up due to difficulty of getting earth for bund. All other irrigation chiras are maintained in 1119;

(*b*) No.

PREPARATION OF MEDICINES—RAMA VARMA AYURVEDIC HOSPITAL

267. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* (*a*) When was preparation of medicines started in the Rama Varma Ayurvedic Hospital at Trichur;

(*b*) what is the investment of the Government in this section thus far;

(*c*) who are the hands in special charge of this section with the pay of each;

(*d*) what is the net profit to the Government in this section for the first year of its working?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* (*a*) The preparation of medicines intended for sale to the public was started from 6th Mithunam 1117.

(*b*) The total investment of the Government for the Sales Department till 1st Meenam 1119, is Rs. 16,191 under "capital outlay" and Rs. 1,17,311 under "advances." A sum of Rs. 76,417 has been refunded to the credit of the above "advances," leaving only an outstanding balance of Rs. 40,894.

(*c*) The Assistant Superintendent of Ayurvedic Hospital (Pay Rs. 100) is in immediate charge of the Sales Department under the control of Superintendent of Ayurvedic Hospitals (Pay Rs. 250—300). A list of the other staff of the Department is appended *(See Appendix I).*

(*d*) The actual net profit can be ascertained only after the commercial audit of the accounts, which is being conducted, is over.

CHITTUR—CASES OF PLAGUE

268. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many cases of plague were there in Chittur this time;

(*b*) what were the actions taken to prevent the spread of the same;

(*c*) are there cases now? Are there rat-fall even now;

(*d*) why were the two villages alone proclaimed infected;

(*e*) what about the Kolinjampara village;

(*f*) why are Municipalities asked to report to the Government when there are epidemics;

(*g*) are not copies of the report sent to the Director of Public Health at the order of the Government;

(*h*) what does the Government expect that department to do on getting information?

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Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) 23 attacks and 22 deaths including one case in Vadakarapadi imported from Coimbatore District.

(*b*) Preventive inoculation; rat destruction; rat-trapping; cyanogassing rat burrows and grains in infected godowns; observation work to prevent importation of infection; disinfection of infected houses, etc.

(*c*) There are neither rat-falls nor human attacks now. The last human attack was on 18th Vrischigam 1119/4th December 1943 and the last positive rat-fall on 22nd Dhanu 1119/6th January 1944.

(*d*) All the villages in Chittur Taluk excluding the villages of Nemmara, Vallangi, Pothundi, Ayalur, Tiruvaliad and Kaiaradi were kept under observation as per notification, dated 14th October 1943/28th Kanni 1119. Since this notification authorises the department to carry out all the required preventive measures, no further notification declaring "as infected" some of these villages "under observation" when human attacks were reported from them, was considered necessary.

(*e*) There were 4 attacks and 3 deaths in Kolinjampara village. The necessary preventive measures were adopted.

(*f*), (*g*) & (*h*) The Municipalities are to report promptly the incidence of epidemic diseases to the Government and copies to the Director of Public Health and Panchayats. Under the Plague, Small-pox, and Cholera Regulations. The Department of Public Health and Panchayats is solely responsible for the control of epidemic diseases. On receipt of information regarding epidemic diseases in the municipalities, it is the duty of the department to call for details of the preventive measures taken and to advise the municipalities about the measures to be adopted. If proper remedial measures are not adopted, the department reports such cases to the Government with recommendations for further action.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Were there 22 indigent cases?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes: That is the answer.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Who superintendents the work?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The local Sanitary Inspector is in charge of the whole work and the Epidemic Officer visits the place and gives instructions.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* May I know how many times the Epidemic Officer has visited the place?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* To give the exact number of visits, I want notice.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Did the Government know that there was a case of plague in the Chittur Town?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Notice has been given. There was a case of plague.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The answer does not deny that.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* I never said that. Did the Hon'ble Minister get information that there was such a case in the Chittur town also?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* May be.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Did the Department call for details from the Chittur [Chairman?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The answer pertains to the action taken by the department in the Chittur Taluk. If the Hod'ble Member wants information as to what action was taken within the municipality I want notice.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* The Government had ordered that the Municipality should inform the Government as well as the Public Health Director.

Mr. President: Order. Order. The Hon'ble Minister has already said that as regards the plague in the Chittur Municipality he is not able to give any information without notice. It is no use going on asking question after question when the Hon'ble Minister said that he has not the information. He has given information about the Chittur Taluk. If the Hon'ble Member wishes to get information regarding the Municipality he must give notice.

AGE OF OFFICERS—CIVIL LIST—CORRECTION OF

269. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government has issued an order within the last two years to correct the ages of their officers, if the age in the service register or Civil List is not correct;

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